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The Honorable André Bauer
President of the Senate
State House, 1st Floor, East Wing
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

I am hereby returning without my approval S. 169, R-135, an Act:

TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH SCHOOL YEAR 2003-2004, THE STARTING DATE AND ENDING DATE FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL TERM OF LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST BE SET BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION PROVIDED THAT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL TERM MUST COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 59-1-420 RELATING TO THE LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL TERM.

This bill is special legislation that would allow the Lancaster County School District to set its calendar for the 2003-2004 school year. The purpose of this bill has been accomplished by a general law, H. 3361, R-163, which gives all local school boards the authority to establish an annual school calendar. I signed H. 3361, R-163 into law on July 23, 2003. Accordingly, this bill is not necessary.

For this reason, I am returning S. 169, R-135 to you without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "MS", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Sanford
Governor